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### AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 2/27/2004, with a shortened statutory period of response set to expire 5/27/2004, please amend the above identified application as set forth below. A Petition for Extension of Time (2 Months) and check for the corresponding fee are attached hereto which, if granted, will extend the period of response until 7/27/2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and a check for the RCE fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(e) are also attached hereto.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Conclusions** begin on page 19 of this paper.